

# Constitution Day and Citizenship Day

## Websites and Activities

An addition to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005, Public Law 108–447, signed into law on December 8, 2004, requires that September 17 be designated as Constitution Day and Citizenship Day. All educational institutions receiving federal funding are required to hold an educational program pertaining to the United States Constitution on September 17 of each year. If this date falls on a weekend or a holiday, schools must schedule a program immediately before or after that date.

**Public Law 108–447, 118 Stat. 2809, 3344–45, Division J, Section 111 (b)**  
*“each educational institution that receives Federal funds for a fiscal year shall hold an educational program on the United States Constitution on September 17 of such year for the students served by the educational institution.”*

In order to assist with the implementation of this requirement, a list of Web-based resources is being made available for the use of Arizona teachers. The following websites offer a wide variety of lessons and resources for K-12 teachers to commemorate Constitution Day and Citizenship Day in their classrooms. ***This list is not exhaustive nor is it meant as an endorsement of any particular site or product. It is hoped that this will provide some helpful information that may be of use to teachers.***

### [The American Bar Association](#)

#### **Grades 4 – High School**

This site offers "Conversations on the Constitution"; conversation starters, lesson plans for grades 4-6 and high school, interactive quizzes, and resources on the Constitution.

### [Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education](#)

#### **Elementary – Middle School**

This site offers children a guide for understanding important documents of our country, including the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

### [The Avalon Project: Yale Law School](#)

#### **Middle – High School**

This site offers full text documents of American History, including the Constitution.

### [Ben's Guide to U.S. Government for Kids](#)

#### **Grades 3-12**

This site from the U.S. Government Printing Office provides information on the Constitution for Grade 3-12 students and teachers. Click on the grade level, then on Historical Documents.

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## [Bill of Rights Institute](#)

### **Middle-High School**

Lessons and activities for students including: *Madison's Notes Are Missing*; *Founder Matching*; and *Constitution Crossword Puzzle*.

## [The Center for Civic Education](#)

### **All**

This site offers lessons for Constitution Day for use at all grade levels.

## [The Constitutional Rights Foundation](#)

### **Middle - High School**

This site offers a series of free online lessons about the founding documents of our Constitution.

## [Digital History](#)

### **High School**

This site offers classroom tested handouts and fact sheets on the Federalists and ratifying the Constitution.

## [The Dirksen Congressional Center](#)

### **High School**

This site offers four lessons about the Constitution.

## [Education World](#)

### **All**

This site has links to lesson plans and resources to recognize Constitution Day.

## [The Gilder-Lehrman Institute of American History](#)

### **High School**

This site offers a teaching module on the Constitution using primary documents.

## [Justice Learning](#)

### **Middle – High School**

This site offers classroom-ready digital resources to help schools celebrate Constitution Day. It includes Conversations on the Constitution and lesson plans.

## [The Library of Congress](#) – The Learning Page

### **High School**

This site offers lessons on the Constitution.

## [The National Archives](#)

### **All**

This site offers images and transcripts of the Constitution as well as links to the Amendments, an article on the Constitutional Convention, information on the Founding Fathers, and questions and answers pertaining to the Constitution.

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## [The National Archives Constitution Day Lessons](#)

### **4th – High School**

The National Archives also shares information to use with Constitution Day, including links to information about each of the 39 signers, a simulation of the Constitutional Convention, and the online version of Teaching with Documents: U.S. Constitution Workshop for grades 4-12

## [National Constitution Center](#)

### **Middle – High School**

This site provides background on Constitution Day and links to many resources including an Interactive Constitution, lesson plans, and activities designed to fulfill the requirements of the new law.

## [The U. S. Constitution Online](#)

### **All**

This site is an excellent resource for teachers of all grades.

## [The White House](#)

### **Elementary**

This site contains links to Constitution facts, quizzes, and other resources for children.

## [The White House Teachers/Parents Guide](#)

### **Elementary**

Teachers guide for the White House site.

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### **Social Studies Resource Page**

<http://www.ade.state.az.us/SA/sdi/socstudies.asp>